



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**SB1499**

Introduced 2/23/2005, by Sen. John O. Jones

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

510 ILCS 70/3.03  
510 ILCS 70/3.03-2 new

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Prohibits the docking of the tail of any member of the bovine species. Provides that "dock" means to remove any part of the animal's tail for any reason other than to amputate part of the tail due to an incurable injury or illness to the tail that threatens the animal's well-being, but does not include trimming the hair at the end of the tail. Provides that bovine tail docking is punishable in the same manner as animal torture.

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CORRECTIONAL  
BUDGET AND  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Humane Care for Animals Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 3.03 and by adding Section 3.03-2 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 70/3.03)

7 Sec. 3.03. Animal torture.

8 (a) A person commits animal torture when that person  
9 without legal justification knowingly or intentionally  
10 tortures an animal. For purposes of this Section, and subject  
11 to subsection (b), "torture" means infliction of or subjection  
12 to extreme physical pain, motivated by an intent to increase or  
13 prolong the pain, suffering, or agony of the animal.

14 (b) For the purposes of this Section, "animal torture" does  
15 not include any death, harm, or injury caused to any animal by  
16 any of the following activities:

17 (1) any hunting, fishing, trapping, or other activity  
18 allowed under the Wildlife Code, the Wildlife Habitat  
19 Management Areas Act, or the Fish and Aquatic Life Code;

20 (2) any alteration or destruction of any animal done by  
21 any person or unit of government pursuant to statute,  
22 ordinance, court order, or the direction of a licensed  
23 veterinarian;

24 (3) any alteration or destruction of any animal by any  
25 person for any legitimate purpose, including, but not  
26 limited to: castration, culling, declawing, defanging, ear  
27 cropping, euthanasia, gelding, grooming, neutering,  
28 polling, shearing, shoeing, slaughtering, spaying, tail  
29 docking (except bovine tail docking as provided under  
30 Section 3.03-2), and vivisection; and

31 (4) any other activity that may be lawfully done to an  
32 animal.

1 (c) A person convicted of violating this Section is guilty  
2 of a Class 3 felony. As a condition of the sentence imposed  
3 under this Section, the court shall order the offender to  
4 undergo a psychological or psychiatric evaluation and to  
5 undergo treatment that the court determines to be appropriate  
6 after due consideration of the evaluation.

7 (Source: P.A. 91-351, eff. 7-29-99; 92-650, eff. 7-11-02.)

8 (510 ILCS 70/3.03-2 new)

9 Sec. 3.03-2. Bovine tail docking. Notwithstanding any  
10 provision of law to the contrary, no person shall dock the tail  
11 of any member of the bovine species or hire any person to  
12 perform such an operation. For purposes of this Section, "dock"  
13 means to remove any part of the animal's tail for any reason  
14 other than to amputate part of the tail due to an incurable  
15 injury or illness to the tail that threatens the animal's  
16 well-being, but does not include trimming the hair at the end  
17 of the tail. Any person who violates this Section shall be  
18 considered to have committed animal torture and shall be  
19 subject to the sanctions provided for animal torture under  
20 Section 3.03.